

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel in this Application original claims 1 and 3-32 of co-pending application before calculating the filing fee.

**Please add new claims 71-85:**

71. (New Claim) A purified ALF protein encoded by an oligonucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence substantially homologous to the coding strand of the gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

72. (New Claim) The purified protein of claim 71, wherein said protein is a human ALF protein.

73. (New Claim) The purified protein of claim 71, wherein said protein is the human ALF protein of SEQ ID NO.:2.

74. (New Claim) A fusion protein comprising a portion of the ALF protein of claim 71 and a non-ALF protein sequence.

75. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 74, wherein said ALF protein is a human ALF protein and said non-ALF protein is SALF.

76. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 74, wherein said non-ALF protein is a transcriptional factor.

77. (New Claim) The fusion protein of claim 74, wherein said non-ALF protein is a human transcriptional factor.